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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1010

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 12, 2015

BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2015

SUBJECT: 211 Dialing Code for Human Services Information.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. McMillin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *211 Dialing Code for Human Services Information*: This bill amends the statute concerning the telephone 211 dialing code for human services information to add assistance concerning: (1) domestic violence; (2) infant mortality; (3) veterans; (4) senior citizens; (5) vulnerable children; and (6) public health; to the enumerated services included within the term "human services".

Duties of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC): The bill requires the IURC to consult with the board of directors of Indiana 211 Partnership, Inc., in preparing the required annual plan for the expenditure of the money in the 211 Services Account. It provides that the plan must include a strategy or plan to address certain specified human services issues. It provides that the IURC's annual report to the General Assembly on 211 services in Indiana must include statistics, data, or results concerning the expenditure of money in the account to address, or the effectiveness of 211 services in addressing, certain specified human services issues. The bill also requires the IURC to adopt rules to implement the statute. (Current law authorizes, rather than requires, the IURC to adopt rules to implement the statute concerning the 211 dialing code for human services information.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)*: This bill adds several duties to the IURC regarding Indiana 211 including the reporting of more information and statistics concerning the expenditure of money in the 211 Services Account and the adoption of rules. Any increase in administrative costs to the IURC could be offset by public utility fees.

The operating budget of the IURC is funded by regulated utilities operating in Indiana. The IURC determines

the rate at which to bill the utilities based on the agency's budget, less reversions, divided by the total amount of gross intrastate operating revenue received by the regulated utilities for the previous fiscal year. Based on this formula, utilities are currently billed approximately 0.12% of their gross intrastate operating revenues to fund the IURC.

(Revised) *Additional Information* - The 211 Services Account is an account within the state General Fund to make 211 services available throughout Indiana. Statute provides that the account consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations by the General Assembly.
- (2) Funds received from the federal government for the support of 211 services in Indiana.
- (3) Investment earnings, including interest, on money in the account.
- (4) Money from any other source, including gifts and grants.

As of June 30, 2014, no state or federal funds have been deposited in the 211 Services Account. The account is administered by the IURC.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: IURC Report to the General Assembly on the 211 Services Account (File d Pursuant to IC 8-1-19.5-12), October 30, 2014.

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